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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Hancock

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The holiday events kick into high gear today, Saturday, with Christmas parades in Bay St. Louis, Pearlinton and Waveland, along with the 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugar Plums Festival and the first annual "Christmas on Coleman."

On Thursday, the city of Diamondhead hosted its sixth annual Christmas on the Town Green.

Children and families posed for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and Frosty the Snowman and enjoyed rides on the HNH Express and entertainment by Kory Lawrence Productions and a performance by the Hancock Middle School Talons. The event also helped the Hancock County Food Pantry and the Diamondhead SPCA --



Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants on Thursday hosted a "Nativity Walk," with Nativity displays in front of stores and Christmas carols playing as people shopped.

celebrants were asked to bring non-perishable food items or pet food.

Also on Thursday, Old Town Bay St. Louis merchants hosted the first annual Nativity Walk, with

luminaries lining the streets and Nativity displays in front of stores, which stayed open late for Christmas shopping.

Santa Claus is scheduled to return to Bay St.



Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

Louis today, for the 12th annual Bay St. Louis Christmas Parade and 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugar Plums Festival at the historic Bay St. Louis Depot.

The parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Nacaise Avenue and Main Street, heads to Beach Boulevard, Court Street, Second Street, Union Street and

ends at the Depot District -- where the Snowflakes and Sugar Plums Festival kicks off.

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Passenger rail plan still on track; Bay council seeking \$2M to upgrade Depot

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Southern Rail Commission met in Bay St. Louis on Friday, and members said the effort to restore passenger rail service between Mobile and New Orleans -- with daily stops in the Bay -- are still on track.

That is, of course, with the provision that all the various municipalities and government entities involved hold up their end, restoring and/or creating rail station facilities along the way.

Members of the Bay St. Louis City Council said this week they're working on their end. Bay St. Louis city government and



The Southern Rail Commission meets Friday at the Longfellow Civic Center in Bay ST. Louis.

Hancock County Board of Supervisors agreed in March to invest \$50,000 each in upgrading the existing BSL Depot to

make it ADA-compliant for train passengers.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, the council gave state Sen.

Philip Moran a Gulf Coast Restoration Fund funding request to help upgrade the

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Notice to our readers:

As the Sea Coast Echo nears its 128th consecutive year of publication, changes in the reading habits of Echo readers leads to the announcement today that the Echo will expand its online publishing efforts to include more daily updates for our online readers.

At the same time, the printed Echo edition will return to weekly publication as it had been for the first 80 or so years of its history.

This edition is the final Saturday printed edition that will be produced by the newspaper. Beginning with next week, the Echo will publish a print edition

only on Wednesdays.

However, subscribers will notice that much more staff generated news will appear first on the newspaper's website -- found at www.seacoastecho.com -- with lots of unique content only for print and e-edition subscribers still being available in the print edition. Subscribers can also read the entire printed pages online with a password for a weekly e-edition of the Echo.

Founded in 1892, the Echo was a weekly newspaper for Hancock County and the surrounding area for almost a cen-

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GEMS AMONG US

A MONTHLY FEATURE IN THE SEA COAST ECHO

BY BILL CURRIE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many prayers of thanks were said last week for our faith, families, friends, and health. Christmas will bring a renewed sense of compassion reflected in Christ's commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

This season of awareness of the good we are willing to do for each other gives us assurances that someone will take care of us should we lose our phys-

ical independence. We all hope that someone, be it family, friends, or professionals, will have the love, skills, and dedication to ease our pain through a time of anguish. There are hundreds of thousands of paid and unpaid caregivers in the country who deserve recognition.

These three Hancock County Gems embody the best qualities of caregivers who go about their unheralded daily lives with a commitment that warms the heart.

"It takes patience. A lot of patience. A lot of love



BJ Cormier

and a lot of caring," B.J. Cormier explains of his role as caregiver. His wife of 40 years, June, had seven strokes 10 years ago and her mobility is greatly diminished. B.J. and June



Jimmie Scott

had retired to Texas after B.J.'s naval career and B.J. was working in security. He had to quit that job in order to become June's full-time caregiver. The Cormier's moved to



Janice Labat Jackson

Diamondhead this year in order to be close to family. "My daughter helps me so I can go to the store or go shopping," he said. "I get a little break. But as far as taking care of her, it's

seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

B.J. has enlightened advice to new caregivers.

"Be patient and have prayers. Obviously you have to love each other to the point she would do the same for you," B.J. said. "We both made a vow and she's been sick, so I have to stay by her. I can't just up and leave her because if I left her, she would be going in a nursing home. The only way she goes in a nursing home is when I can't provide the care for her that she needs."

B.J. shared a light-heart-

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A ‘Heartwarming’ Surprise

Senior residents at Notre Dame De La Mer receive gift from Secret Santa

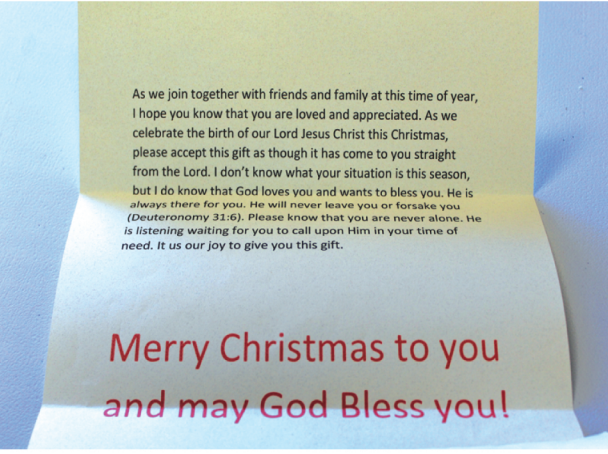


Photo by Cassandra Favre
The letter that accompanied each monetary gift donated to the residents at Notre Dame De La Mer.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the residents at Notre Dame De La Mer Apartments in Bay St.

Louis received a "heartwarming" holiday surprise. Notre Dame De La Mer is a 60-apartment community for senior citizens, Property Manager Brittany Gray said.

"A group of citizens from Hancock County came to me with the idea," she said. The idea was to gift each senior resident \$100 with a note that reads: "As we join together with friends and family at this time of year, I hope you know that you are loved and appreciated. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas, please accept this gift as though it has come to you straight from the Lord. I don't know what your situation is this season, but I do know that God loves you and wants to bless you. He is always there for you. He will never leave you or forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6). Please know that you are never alone. He is listening waiting for you to call upon Him in your time of need. It is our joy to give you this gift."

never alone. He is listening, waiting for you to call upon him in your time of need. It is our joy to give you this gift. Merry Christmas to you and may God bless you." "They said they did this because they wanted them to know that God loves them," Gray said. Gray said she delivered the envelopes to each resident. "It felt good to see them light up when I handed it out," she said. "I was glad that I could deliver it and thought it was just great." Kathi Noll — a five-year Notre Dame resident — said she cried tears of happiness when she received the gift. "It's so heartwarming to know someone cared

enough to do this for us," Noll said. "Most people don't have a lot of extra funds. It was appreciated by everyone." Notre Dame resident Bettie Demetz said the gift was "wonderful and thoughtful." Noll said that some at the Notre Dame community don't receive a lot of vis-

itors. "The whole community looks out for each other. It's better than living by yourself," she said. Noll said the Secret Santa experience was heartwarming. "My son said it shows that there's still good people in the world," Noll said.



Photo by Cassandra Favre
From left, Notre Dame De La Mer residents Kathi Noll and Bettie Demetz. Both women said the Secret Santa gift was a 'heartwarming' and 'thoughtful surprise.'

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Waveland signs 12-year lease agreement with Studio Waveland



Echo file photo

Erica and Mitchell Gaudet, owners of Studio Waveland.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The City of Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday signed a 12-year commercial lease agreement with Studio Waveland, LLC for the Waveland Business Center located at 228 Coleman Ave.

City attorney Malcolm Jones said the legislature changed the law to allow for a 12-year lease in the form of House Bill 1718.

The lease will begin on Jan. 1, 2020 and end on Dec. 31, 2032.

Jones said the tenant will pay \$1,200 per month in lease payments and will also pay for regular maintenance, things that are less than \$1,000.

"The city will be

responsible for the normal structural things," Jones said. "The tenant will maintain all the common areas. The whole goal here for the city was to reach a net-zero sum in the sense that the city is paying out a significant amount of money each year for insurance. The rental payments will pretty much cover the insurance payment, which is around \$14,000."

Studio Waveland — which opened in April 2018 — is owned by Erica and Mitchell Gaudet. Erica is a sculptor who works primarily with metal. Mitchell is a glass artist who utilizes the hot cast process.

Mitchell on Tuesday told the board that it's "always been our mission to be inclusive," as far as the studio's offerings to the

public.

In addition to gallery events, Erica has hosted events for young adults, including a welding class for the students at the Boys and Girls Club.

Mitchell said they plan to add a "craft component" to the formal gallery.

"It's a full-rounded arts thing, not an elitist thing, not something so specific to just what I do," Mitchell said.

Waveland Mayor Mike Smith said that he has been amazed by the Gaudet's work, and he "hopes a lot of people will be."

"The things that they do are still intriguing to me," Smith said. "I just love what they do and I love them as people. That's the little piece we've been missing on Coleman to hook all the rest of the chains together."

Mitchell said Thursday the pair is excited about the finalization of the long-term lease.

His studio, Studio Inferno, is currently located in Arabi, Louisiana. He said he plans to shut his furnace down over the holidays and begin preparing for the move. He said he hopes to be moved out of Arabi by early spring.

He said they plan to work with several community groups and art associations.

"We want to make it as

flexible as possible for the community," Mitchell said. "We've always been inclusive as far as age groups and demographics. The kids love seeing the studio and fire and they can see that this can be a profession."

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday by appointment only and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Once he moves his studio to Waveland, Mitchell said that the gallery will have more standard hours.

Learn more about exhibitions and workshops at www.studiowaveland.com and through Facebook at Studio Waveland. Contact the Gaudets at 504-914-9618.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bay St. Louis Election Commission will conduct a Logic and Accuracy Testing on the TSX voting machines in preparation for the December 17th, 2019 Special Election.

The testing will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse located at 152 Main Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Sissy Gonzales
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

The City Council for the City of Bay St. Louis intends to levy a tax upon every person, firm or corporation operating a bar in the City, at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds of the sales of such bar and to levy a tax upon every person, firm or corporation operating a restaurant in the City, at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds of the sales of beer and alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on the premises and all prepared foods of such restaurant (together the "Food and Beverage Tax"), the proceeds of which are to be used for the purpose of providing funds to promote tourism and improve parks and recreation within the City. The Referendum shall appear on the ballot for the election to be held on December 17, 2019, which will be presented to the City's qualified electors at the polling places designated for municipal general elections. The polling places will be open from the hour of seven o'clock A.M. until the hour of seven o'clock P.M. on that date, and all qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote on this Referendum election.

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ed story to illustrate how much their lives have changed.

"She used to be very active," he said. "Sometimes I'd wake up at 2 in the morning and she'd be mopping floors. I'd ask why. She'd say, 'Less traffic.'"

June cared for B.J.'s dad when he was sick and now it's her turn to be cared for.

If we live long enough it's likely we will all be in a similar situation, as B.J. acknowledges.

"We all hope there will be someone there to care for us," B.J. said. "I have my two sons, and her two daughters. Maybe somebody will take care of me."

Jimmie Scott was born in New Orleans in a low shotgun house along the railroad tracks. They didn't have many possessions but his family values were priceless.

"I never did know my father, but I had my mother and my grandfather and my aunts and my uncles," he said. "They were my role models. They instilled in me that you can make it in life."

As a young man, Scott worked at several nursing homes in New Orleans.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it because I enjoyed being around a lot of elderly people that needed that love, that help along the way, because their family wasn't really there and I was like a son to them," Jimmie said.

Jimmie's mother passed away when he was 9. Later in life, after moving to the Bay, his friend's mother became a second mother to him.

"When I was 40 years old the doctor told me I have two holes in my knees with no muscles there and I would be confined to a wheelchair," Jimmie said. "When she heard that she said, 'Jimmie, I'm going to take care of you.' Through my prayers and through my faith I'm walking and I don't have to wear braces."

There then came a time for their roles to reverse.

"She didn't want for anything. It was a 24/7 job. Getting up at 5 in the morning, bathing her, make sure the house is clean, make sure she's fed. I did it until she went on to Dunbar Village and she passed on," Jimmie said. "I was at her

bedside and she looked at me. She held my hand and said, 'Scottie, you know what? I'm going to lay my head in peace now. I don't have to worry about my son. I know you'll be there.' And she went on with a smile."

Jimmie is taking care of her son now and he acknowledges how difficult caregiving can be.

"As a caregiver you have to put yourself on the back burner and that's what I do. I don't think about myself. I'm not selfish," he said. "Each day I go 'it's a different day.' Some days he's alert. Some days he feels like he's in pain and I say, 'That's ok. I'm here for you. You might give me a hard time but I'm here as a friend.' I say, 'God, I kept my promise and I'll always keep my promise.'"

Jimmie shares his outlook on remaining hopeful.

"I always ask God to just give me a little sunshine every now and then. And sometimes he gives me rain instead. I can handle it. I'm fine. Don't think of yourself. Just think of that person," he said. "If you have made that person happy, that's all that matters. Just put a smile on your face. Sometimes I don't have a smile, but during the day I get a smile. Each day I say, 'What have I done today?' And sometimes I can say I made someone happy and that makes it all worthwhile."

Some people rise to the occasion when the role of caregiving is thrust upon them, while others discover it's what they were destined to do.

"I never would have thought I would be doing this," says Janice Labat Jackson of Bay St. Louis, a professional caregiver. "My dad had a really bad stroke and had to have a tracheotomy and a feeding tube. My youngest sister has been a caregiver and she's worked at the hospital and nursing home in the Bay. So she was working and taking care of my dad. None of us could do the caregiving things she did. She finally told us, 'I can't do it all by myself. I need y'all to help.' And it pulled at my heartstrings. I went in the bathroom and I prayed and I cried and I asked God to give me the strength to be able to do that to help my dad and help my sister. Ask and you

shall receive. It was immediate. I just knew I could do it, just that fast. And I told my mother and other sister, you have to ask for it, which they did, and they got it too. We were all able to pitch in. And he started getting better and better. No more feeding tube, no more tracheotomy. What a blessing."

Janice took the long way around to find the caregiver vocation.

"I had prayed to God and asked him for direction for what I was to do with my life. I wanted to do something that was rewarding and fulfilling," she said.

Cashier, secretary, property manager, and painter were her previous jobs until one day when her sister was asked to take on a new client.

"She couldn't go because she had hurt her back so she asked me if I would go. And so that's where it started, with me caring for other people," Janice said. "And I couldn't see doing anything else. I have been so fortunate and blessed to take care of some amazing people."

Janice repeats the theme of patience and adds to the advice for caregivers.

"It does take a great deal of patience and every person is different. There are no two people that are the same in terms of what type care they need," she said. "Everybody's different and you have to be somewhat of a chameleon to take care of different people and you have to have patience. And I've known some caregivers who don't have too much of that and it's not good. It's not good for the person they're caring for and it's not good for that caregiver. I tell people all the time, I take care of your mom or your dad, like it's my mom and my dad. And I love my mom and dad and I took care of them with that love, so there's nothing beyond that. If you can take care of them like you would take care of your own mom and dad, then you'll be fine."

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Gift Ideas for Seniors

Most of us don't need a single thing. We certainly don't want more cute knickknacks to add to whatever clutter we already have on the shelves. Yet this is the time of year when others think they need to give us presents. Sometimes they'll ask in advance what we'd like to have, and we can breathe a sigh of relief when they do.

So, what do we say when they ask? Here are some thoughts:

Guest Column

by **Matilda Charles**

* Pay for our cable for a couple months. Or pay for our Netflix or newspaper for a whole year. Add a year to a subscription to our favorite magazine or maybe a new one for us to try out. Consider a subscription to a fruit of the month club, or one for coffee or tea.

* Spend the afternoon with us sorting a box of photos and scan them for us. Or make us a special photo album of family and grandchildren. Create a 2020 calendar or load a digital photo frame with family photos. Give us a copy of "The Book of Me," 2nd edition (Peter Pauper Press), an autobiographical journal we can fill out.

* Some things aren't fancy but can be very useful: a bathtub grab bar, a pill organizer, gift certificates to the places we go (such as movies and dinners out). Install some SnapPower Guidelights, which are wall outlets that double as nightlights -- very handy -- as well as a few of those closet lights.

* Load up our freezer with homemade single-meal dinners. Pay for a trip that the senior center will take, and if extra people are allowed, go with us.

The best gifts for seniors are those things that give us pleasure but are hard for us to afford, and those things that make our lives easier.

Mississippi's Native Population after the European Intrusion

Through the centuries the Mississippi tribes had developed a self-contained lifestyle sufficient for their needs. The European intrusions beginning in the middle of the sixteenth century brought drastic change to the tribes and ultimately an end to their aboriginal lives.

Among the early European visitors was the Spaniard Hernando de Soto, who led a column of conquistadors across the Southeast in 1539, and entered Indian country.

The Native Americans eventually tired of the intruders' demands for grain and other needs and in 1541 attacked the Spanish compound, killing several Europeans, destroying equipment, and finally forcing them out.

Next came the French from their settlements in Canada and the Northwest. In 1673 the Joliet-Marquette party met several Mississippi



HANCOCK HISTORY
by **Eddie Coleman**

tribes during its reconnaissance down the Mississippi River. In 1682 a party of Frenchmen and Northern Indians, headed by Robert Cavalier de la Salle, encountered several tribes as they passed down the river.

LaSalle's arrival signaled an effort by France to develop the resources of the region, exploit the water route, and thwart the English. In 1698 two English traders with a

pack train of goods arrived in eastern Mississippi and began trading with the tribes, offering cloth, guns, powder, shot, beads, knives, and other items. The Indians traded deer skins and Indian captives who were shackled and marched to Carolina and sold as slaves on the plantations.

In 1698 the Bishop of Quebec sent two missionaries to the tribes, and in 1699 Pierre LeMoyne Sieur d'Iberville sailed into the Gulf of Mexico. To check English influence, he invited Indian leaders to accept French dominion. The three populous tribes -- Choctaw, Natchez and Chickasaw -- willingly did so.

FRENCH-ENGLISH COMPETITION

The struggle between France and England for political

and commercial control over the lower Mississippi Valley had a destructive effect on the Native Americans. Their

increasing consumption of European goods and reliance on English tools and weapons changed the subsistence hunter into a frantic businessman, searching for items to trade. As demand for pelts led to extermination of fur-bearing animals in the area, some native hunters crossed the Mississippi in search of new hunting grounds. But many hovered near the French settlements, eking out a degraded existence, their numbers decimated by smallpox, measles, and venereal disease brought from Europe.

The slave trade virtually exterminated several small tribes.

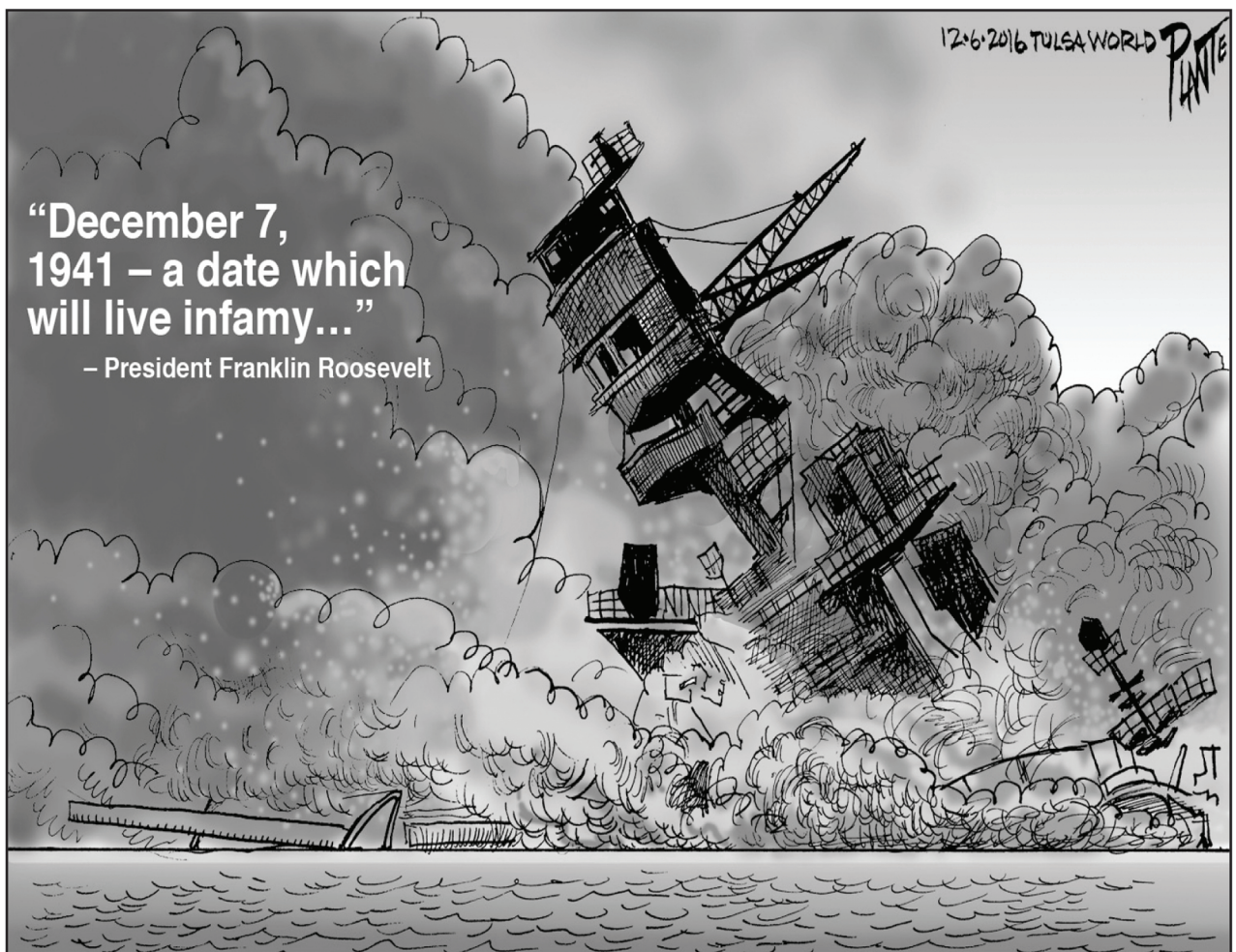
The Chickasaws were fierce warriors and excellent hunters who collected rich pelts and captives for the English.

French attempts to force the Chickasaws to

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"December 7, 1941 – a date which will live infamy..."

– President Franklin Roosevelt



Time to Clean-out Wood Duck Boxes

One of the greatest success stories in wildlife management has been the restoration of wood duck populations through the use of artificial nest boxes. The clearing of vast expanses of bottomland hardwoods during this century eliminated a large portion of the wood duck's habitat. Fortunately, the wood duck was rescued by regulations limiting its harvest and the discovery in the 1950s that wood ducks will nest in artificial cavities. Lewis Bays, formerly of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, is to be thanked for much of this.

Wood duck nest boxes, when properly placed and maintained, provide a safe, suitable nest site for wood ducks. Improperly placed and maintained nest boxes will experience less use, more nest failures, and greater predation than natural cavities. All animals need adequate space in their habitat to ensure their



Conservation Corner

by **James L. Cummins**

Wildlife Mississippi

life needs are met. Two to four boxes per acre of wetland is plenty.

The following are some important tips and observations to assist landowners and others in checking and maintaining wood duck boxes. Boxes should be erected on a 10'foot, 4 x 4 post with a conical metal predator guard nailed to the post about 1 foot below

the boxes (2 to 3 feet of the post should be driven into the ground).

Boxes should be placed in shallow water (3 feet or less) in a site that can be easily reached by wading or by boat. Placing boxes in water greatly reduces predation. It is important to place the boxes in an area that can be easily accessed to facilitate annual maintenance. Be sure to keep any overhanging limbs and vegetation trimmed back at least 5 feet from the boxes and post to prevent snakes and raccoons from entering the boxes.

Nest boxes must be maintained on an annual basis. This is best done during this time of year when water levels are highest (easy to float a boat), vegetation is knocked down (won't clog the outboard), and the wasps and snakes are hibernating.

Boxes need a 4- to 5-inch layer of fresh wood shavings, sawdust, or wood chips placed in them

each year prior to the nesting season. This is also a good time to make sure that the predator guard is securely fastened to the post. Winter storms have a habit of shaking things loose. Also, check the condition of the lid, the bottom, and the door. Sometimes a couple of nails will hold a box together to get another 2 to 3 years of nesting. Replace lids and bottoms that are rotted or split.

I thoroughly enjoy seeing a wood duck box with downy feathers coming out of the entrance hole knowing that I have contributed to a new crop of our state's most beautiful bird being born and returning to the wild.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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CHRISTMAS

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Later on Saturday, Santa will head over to Coleman Avenue for the Waveland Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting beginning at 5 p.m. The parade will start at the corner Lafitte Drive and Beach Boulevard, travel down Beach Blvd, turn up Coleman. Golf carts should continue on to the Town Green (area just behind the Ground Zero Museum). Santa will unload at City Hall.

The annual Pearlington Christmas Parade is also scheduled Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Old Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, before it rolls up White’s Road to Seventh Avenue, down to Highway 90, down 604 and ends at the Pearlington Community Center. For more information, call 228-671-9576 or 228-671-6272.

Other events on Saturday include:

Holiday Tour of Homes: Tour six homes festively decorated for the holidays in Bay Saint Louis. Cost is \$15 per ticket and can be purchased at Maggie May’s in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Animal Shelter. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheanimalshelter.org. Held from 1-4 p.m.

Shopping and Movie Night for Kids: Children’s shopping night in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Shops will be open until 6

p.m. For more information, visit www.baystlouis-ms.gov.

Juried Art Show and Reception: The Arts of Hancock County will host the show and awards reception. From 6-8:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from Dec. 10-14 at the Ground Zero Museum, 355 Coleman Ave., Waveland. Free.

On Sunday, the Hancock County Library System will host its annual Holiday Tree Gala a the Bay St. Louis branch from 1-4 p.m. For more information, visit www.hancocklibraries.info.

Other upcoming holiday events include:

Tuesday, Dec. 10
A Gingerbread Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be available at the Pearlington Public Library, 6096 First Ave. For more information, visit www.hancocklibraries.info. Starts at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12
A Natural Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be on hand at the East Hancock County Public Library, 4545 Shepherd Square, Diamondhead. Starts at 6 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Night: Social Chair, Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Held from 5-7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13
Christmas Holiday Reception: Enjoy Christmas carols with local schoolchildren. Santa Claus will be there, and local tourism partners will

serve refreshments. Held at the Mississippi Welcome Center, I-10 and Highway 607. For more information, call 228-533-5554. Held from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14
Fire Truck Christmas Parade: Numerous fire trucks parade through Kiln with Santa Claus. Starts at Bobinger Road and ends at the Hancock County Arena, 4184 Kiln-Delisle Road, Kiln. For more information, call 228-493-5666. Starts at noon.

Childrens Christmas Crafts Fair: Bourgeois Stieffel Ray American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will sponsor their annual Children’s Christmas Craft Fair from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 77 located at 503 Waveland Ave. The Christmas Craft Fair is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Admission is \$6 per child and includes lunch, snacks and craft supplies. Parents, here is your opportunity to go Christmas shopping, visit a friend, etc., while your children enjoy lunch, crafts, storytelling and a visit from Santa. Children will be served lunch and cookies & punch at snack time. All children will be supervised by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Unit 77. For more information or to pre-register contact Diane Fountain at 467-2198.

Christmas Live Nativity Re-enactment: Performed by the children of MAP. Held at the Alice Moseley

pavilion at the historic Train Depot grounds in Bay Saint Louis. Starts at 7 p.m.

A Soulful Christmas: Breakfast, selfies with Black Santa, games and prizes for the kids at 100 Men Gall, 103 Union St., Bay Saint Louis. Open to the public. Held from 9 a.m.-noon.

Historic Pirate Re-enactment: Relive the Battle of Bay Saint Louis on this anniversary date of the historic conflict. For more information, call Donald Rafferty at 228-365-5581.

Second Saturday Artwalk: Shoppers will enjoy strolling carolers as they meander through Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Shops are open from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., with special events running from 4-7 p.m.

First Baptist Church Live Nativity: Celebrate Christmas under the stars during this re-enactment of the Christmas Story. First Baptist Church, Main Street, Bay Saint Louis. Starts at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17
A Nutcracker Christmas: Santa Claus and refreshments will be on hand at the Waveland Public Library, 345 Coleman Ave., Waveland. For more information, visit www.hancocklibraries.info . Starts at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19
A Down Home

Christmas: Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck, and refreshments will be served. Held at the Kiln Public Library, 17065 Highway 603, Kiln. Starts at 6 p.m.

(Wise) Men’s Shopping Night: Held at Social Chair in Old Town Bay Saint Louis. Runs from 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21
Santa Boats and a Bonfire: Santa Claus arrives by boat at the Bay

Saint Louis Harbor. Photo opportunities will be available as well as music and a bonfire. For more information, visit www.baystlouis-ms.gov. Starts at 4 p.m.

The Nutcracker: Enjoy this favorite family Christmas tradition presented by Ballet Theatre South. Held at the Hancock Performing Arts Center, 7140 Stennis Airport Drive, Kiln. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 228-822-0490.

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Sissy Gonzales

City Clerk

NATIVE

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abandon the English and expand agricultural settlements in Natchez lands led to a series of bloody French-Indian wars in Mississippi having the effect of integrating certain tribes and scattering others. By 1731 the Natchez nation had been erased.

Between 1736 and 1752, war on the Chickasaws raged, but the French were unable to dislodge them.

SPOILS OF WAR

The Seven Years' War between France and England ended with the Peace of Paris in 1763. The British received the eastern half of the Mississippi valley, and its Indians were received into British dominion.

Indian lands were administered by British officials who set rules on trade and protected the tribes from encroachment by settlers in West Florida. Immigrants from the British Isles, West Indies, and the American seaboard colonies followed the British takeover. They traveled through Chickasaw and Choctaw territory with many of them squatting on Indian lands.

Indian leaders demanded that the British survey their lands, set boundaries, and expel intruders.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The British made use of Indian warriors in blockading American units in the American Revolution. After the war both Chickasaw and Choctaw leaders signed treaties with the United States. The Spaniards tried to hire them away from the Americans, but both looked to the Americans for guidance and protection.

Choctaw chief Pushmataha and Chickasaw chief Piomingo warned the United States of growing Spanish strength. By 1811 each tribe had a federal agent whose duty it was to enforce the law on intruders, traders, and contraband and also to "civilize the Indians."

THE EXODUS

The history of the tribes in Mississippi between 1795 and 1837

is a chronicle of retreat, land loss, and diminished

domains until the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations were annihilated as ethnic communities in Mississippi and relocated west of the Mississippi in Indian Territory. Events were shaped by organization of the territory of Mississippi, expansion of American settlements, and pressures by settlers on the federal government to reduce tribal domains and open new lands.

The admission of Mississippi to the Union in 1817 created for the Choctaws and Chickasaws an impossible situation with an inevitable outcome.

Despite threats to their existence, the tribes confirmed their loyalty to the United States by disregarding Tecumseh's attempts to involve them in his confederation to make war on the States and also by providing fighting men for American armies.

Great pressure was applied by settlers to government officials to force the Choctaws and Chickasaws to surrender their lands.

Rather than a total surrender of tribal domains and removal to Indian Territory, it amounted to a piecemeal nibbling at Indian lands until only a small core of each remained

Those remaining were subject to public and private, legal and illegal pressure, intimidation and exploitation until tribal leaders, disillusioned and cynical of government treaty obligations, prepared to leave.

Between 1816 and 1837 a series of treaties ceded millions of acres of Choctaw and Chickasaw domains in return for encouragement to evacuate to Indian Territory in the West.

The Choctaw Nation was liquidated by the Treaty of Dancing

Rabbit Creek in 1830. The Chickasaws signed a total cession in the Treaty of Pontotoc in 1843.

Eventually the Chickasaws joined the Choctaws and colonized the western portion of the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory.

Not all of the Choctaws in Mississippi moved to

Indian Territory, however. About four to six thousand of them remained in the state with living conditions for most of them being quite substandard.

Rather than live on "Indian lands," others kept to themselves and shunned and were shunned by their fellow Mississippians. Some in Hancock County and in other areas of the state fled to the swamps and lived quiet lives there. Notwithstanding Choctaw chief Greenwood LeFlore, the son of a Choctaw princess and a French- Canadian fur trader, remained in Mississippi and flourished. He became an American citizen, a successful businessman, and a state politician who counted Jefferson Davis among his personal friends.

Moving in the circle of elite society, he served in the Mississippi legislature as a representative and later as a senator.

By official count fewer than two thousand Choctaws remained in the state after 1930. But since World War II, the Choctaw nation has flourished in Mississippi.

Reorganization and the establishment of a tribal government and changes in federal laws plus the leadership of Phillip Martin, chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians from 1978-2007, have helped the Indians take control of their lives. Through their own economic development, the Choctaws now have industries on tribal land including automotive parts, greeting cards, direct mail and printing, plastic molding and casino gaming.

The Pearl River Resort, owned and operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, in Choctaw, MS, is one of their most lucrative economic ventures.

Even though European intrusion threatened to destroy the existence of the great Native American tribes, they have adapted, persevered and endured. Threads of their native tongues have been woven into the fabric of American society and can be seen in such place names as Pascagoula, Yazoo, and Bogue Chitto. The abiding words of William Faulkner apply to these peoples.

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Funeral services for Elouise Irene Lee, age 92, of Leetown community, MS, who went to her eternal home Monday, December 2, 2019, will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12:00pm at Union Baptist Church at Caesar, MS.

Visitation will be December 7, 2019 from 10:00am until 12:00pm at Union Baptist Church.

Burial will take place at the church cemetery following services with Brother Brian Tatum officiating.

Elouise was born in Hammond, Louisiana on February 16, 1927 to the late Thomas Isaiah Carney and Mae Bennett Carney who proceeds her in death. She graduated high school in Amite, Louisiana, and went on to business college in New Orleans to complete with an associates in business. Elouise was a secretary for the Hancock County School District for many years until her daughter's gradu-



ated. She was also a secretary for Farm Beureau of Mississippi at the Kiln until her retirement. Elouise was also a devoted member of Union Baptist Church.

She was proceeded in death by her parents Thomas Isaiah and Mae Bennett Carney. Her Loving husband Francis (Frank) Lee. Also her brothers Claude, Henry, Clyde, T.C, Recey, Aldee, Leroy, and Edward Carney, and two sisters Irene Carney, and Alma Lee Robinson. Also her son in law John M. Lee Jr. And Grandson, Einar Lee

Elouise is survived by her daughters Ann (Bill) Eschete, Susan Lee, Bonnie (Rob) Barnum, and Connie (Kent) Thrash. Her grandchildren, Kerri

(Kimble) Farmer, Michael Lee and husband Jordan Watkins, Tersa Parrish, David Smith, Stephanie (Randy) Brunelle, Colton Barnum, Leanne (Brian) Murphy, and Emily (Jonathan) Trotter. Eight great grand children, two great great grandchildren, her brother James T. (Jake) Carney, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thanks to our mother's caregivers without whom we could have not managed. They loved and cared for our mother as if she were their own. Thank you, Judy Ann Hand, Heather Hand, Wendy Scott Lowe, Virginia Mitchell, Carolyn Lee, Linda Alexander, and Cathy Linemann.

Obituary, Register Book, and Driving Directions can be found on the internet page, at www.mcdonaldfh.com

Contributions may be made to the Union Baptist Church, 1628 W Union Rd, Picayune, MS 39466, or to The Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

• READERS

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tury prior to converting to twice-per-week publication schedule in the 1970s.

More and more Echo readers are now reading the newspaper online than ever before. Readers and advertisers will see substantial enhanced reader engagement with the newspaper's website which will make for a more informed readership and the ability to improve advertiser communication with those readers.

Many of the features that readers have come to enjoy in the Saturday edition of the Echo will still be published in the Wednesday print edition.

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Geoff Belcher, General Manager

• RAIL

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Bay's historic Depot District. The council is seeking \$1.6 million in GCRF funds for the Depot improvements, and the city will have to match \$400,000, for an overall project cost of \$2 million.

The matching funds would be provided through municipal bonds, officials said.

"We're trying to get all the council on board to back this project, get the mayor on board to back this project, and I know we've got (Hancock) Tourism on board to back this project," Ward 3 Councilman Jeffrey Reed said Friday.

According to the funding request, "The historic L & N Train Depot is designated a 'Mississippi Landmark,' and currently houses the Hancock County Tourism, Bay St Louis Mardi Gras Museum, and Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum. This park area is utilized for art and music festivals. Located across from the depot is 'Depot Row' which has become a

multi-use area incorporating residential and commercial units. The area needs additional restroom facilities and parking to accommodate the increase participation in art and music festivals. Similarly, the addition of an amphitheater would help support the local music community. The historic depot is also in need of interior updates and exterior repairs to include water proofing, parking and striping and ADA accessibility improvements."

"The Bay St. Louis Depot is the pearl of the city," Councilman-at-Large Gary Knoblock said Friday.

Knoblock said whether or not passenger rail service along the Coast is restored, the Depot renovations would be good for Bay St. Louis.

"The train's just an added benefit," he said.

The passenger rail restoration project has been in the works since early 2016, when members of the SRC, Sen. Roger Wicker and Gov. Phil Bryant conducted an Amtrak tour from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Fla., stopping in Bay St.

Louis and other points on the Gulf Coast along the way.

Once the service is operational, Ross said, there will also be stops in Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula.

Ross said earlier this year that the service would be a huge boon for Bay St. Louis, bringing two trains a day in from New Orleans, and two trains a day in from Mobile.

"There are at least 700,000 foreign visitors a year in New Orleans, and that's not counting the millions of conventioners every year," Ross said. "They might not rent a car and drive all the way to the Bay, but they'll walk a block or two down to the train station for a nice day trip."

Transportation America Chairman John Robert Smith, who is working with the SRC to facilitate Mobile-to-New Orleans passenger rail service, said in March that an economic impact study indicated that the passenger service would yield a 15-1 return on investment on the Gulf Coast.

Bay-Waveland Garden Club will present their annual Christmas Flower Show in the Seal Meeting Room at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis, on Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 1 to 4 p.m. Fall and Winter horticulture and Floral Designs grown and created by Club members will be exhibited. This show is complimentary and open to the public. More information on the flower show is available by calling Darlene Underwood at 228-216-1366.

Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration that begins at sundown on December 22, will also be represented in the display case at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The display will be available to the public through the end of December.

Hancock Sheriff's Office urges motorists to drive sober for the holidays

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Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said this week that deputies will be working overtime to curtail drunk driving during the holiday season.

"Beginning Dec. 13 through Jan. 31, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office will ramp up its usual efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road as part of the annual end of year 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' statewide

campaign," Adam said in a press release Friday. "According to NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 839 people lost their lives in traffic crashes involving a drunk driver during the month of December 2018.

"During the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday periods in 2018 alone, there were more drunk-driving-related fatalities (285) than during any other holiday period that year. These fatalities are preventable, and drivers must remem-

ber that driving while impaired by any substance — drugs or alcohol — is deadly, illegal, and selfish behavior."

Adam offered some tips everyone can follow to help prevent drinking and driving.

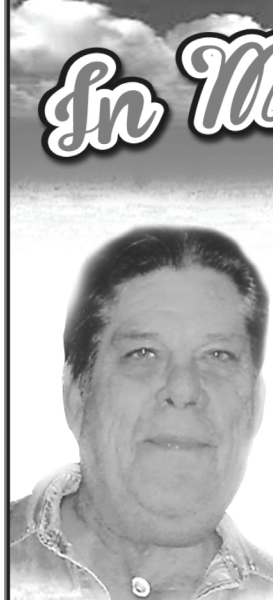
"If you are hosting a party with alcohol, or plan to drink, be responsible and plan in advance for a sober ride," he said. "If you feel different, you drive different. Just one drink before driving can put you and others in danger."



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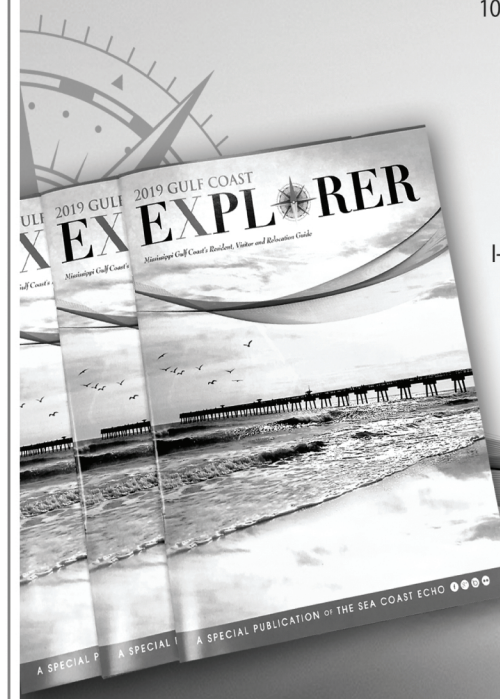
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Library's Holiday Tree Gala is Dec. 8

SEA COAST ECHO

Don't forget to bring the kids to see Santa and a breathtaking display of exquisitely decorated trees at the Hancock County Library System's 25th annual Holiday Tree Gala, set for Sunday, December 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. All are cordially invited to bring the children and see the enchanting display of trees and tell Santa their Christmas wishes

Musical entertainment will be provided by the South Hancock Elementary Children's Choir at 3 p.m. Santa will greet children, and punch and cookies will be served.

In conjunction with the gala event, the



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Bay gets wins in PRCC shootout, Hancock sweeps Stone



OLA's Haley Cox waits for the rebound under the shot against the Long Beach Lady Bearcats on Tuesday. OLA lost the game 56-22.

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The hardwood saw plenty of action from area teams this past week. The Bay High Tigers and Lady Tigers played in the PRCC shootout, while Hancock tangled with Stone, OLA traveled to Long Beach and St. Stanislaus took on Pascagoula at Harrison

Central.

The Bay High Tigers (5-2) defeated Bowling Green 65-34 at PRCC.

Kyren Galloway led Bay High with 20 points followed by Khalil Bell with 19.

Bay High head coach Randy McCrory commented, "We are steadily improving at trying to gear up for district play which starts up next week."

The Lady Tigers (3-4) defeated Magee 54-20. Katelyn McLain led Bay High with 18 points, five steals and four rebounds. Jalaya Lewis added 12 points and five boards. Brennan Brooks brought down nine rebounds and McKenzie Favre had seven points and five rebounds.

The Hancock Hawks swept a pair of games against Stone County on

Tuesday. The Lady Hawks (5-1) beat Stone 51-33. Maddy Ladner had 14 points and Jenna Garriga added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco stated, "I am very proud of how our team has started the season. We have played with toughness and our defensive effort has been very solid. We have high expectations for our players and our team this year. We just have to keep going and get better each week."

The Hawks (3-5) defeated Stone 74-44. Constantine Moran is scoring a regular clip of 12 points per game while Nate Klein is adding 9 points per game and Cole Necaie 8 eight points per game.

Hancock head coach Derrick Willis stated, "We have a great core of seniors that have taken on the challenge of being a playoff team. Great things are to come."

The OLA Crescents (0-7) fell against the Long Beach Lady Bearcats (2-5)

56-22 on the road Tuesday night.

The Crescents were paced by Haley Cox with six points in the game. OLA missed several opportunities in the first half to keep the game close with a very young lineup.

OLA head coach Sandi Albright stated, "We are so young with no seniors on the squad. And, 11 of our 16 players are first year players. They are working hard but we just have to get shots to fall."

The St. Stanislaus

Rock-a-chaws traveled to Harrison Central to play the Pascagoula Panthers on Saturday. The Rocks (1-6) dropped the contest 55-26 after being down just 22-13 at intermission.

The Rocks were paced by Nour Tayara with 11 points.

In upcoming action, Bay High travels to Moss Point on Tuesday while Hancock hosts Biloxi. The Crescents travel on Monday to Purvis and SSC hosts Vancleave. See you at the game!

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SSC honors Cross Country & Swimming student-athletes

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Saint Stanislaus College honored their student-athletes in both cross country and swimming recently.

At each ceremony, student-athletes were presented either a Certificate of Participation or a varsity letter along with a Certificate of Academic Excellence if they achieved honor roll status during the season of their respective sport.

The school honored their swimmers on November 20th.

Joshua Grumme was presented the Senior Award and the Brother Albert Ledet award. Joel Grumme was named the Coach's Award win-

ner and Nicholas Toepfer earned the Most Improved Swimmer award. Blake Shaw merited the Spirit Award and Bradley Shaw took home the Most Valuable Swimmer award. The Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award was presented to Mark Ray.

The Cross Country team was honored on December 4th.

For the junior high team, Rylan Fairley was presented the Hardest Worker award and Cole Shirley earned the Most Improved Runner award. The Most Valuable Runner award was merited by Mateen Kellum. Aubrey Necaie was presented the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award.

For the varsity team, Joshua Elkins was named the Hardest Worker Award recipient and Brandon Elkins was presented the Most

Improved Runner award. Reed Fairley earned the Coach's Award and Aiden Theobald merited the Beat Teammate award. Kyle Capo was presented the Most Valuable Runner award and Keegan Leverett earned the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award.

Joshua Elkins, Capo, and Leverett all received Captain Awards. Senior Awards were presented to Tiernan Alderman, Capo, Thomas Crowe, Declan Dubay, Jack Dufrene, Brandon Elkins, Joshua Elkins, Bob Failing, Manning Gex, Jackson Maillho, Carston Raymond and Theobald.

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Saint Stanislaus College senior cross country members with their Senior awards. From left to right, Manning Gex, Brandon Elkins, Joshua Elkins, Aiden Theobald, Kyle Capo and Thomas Crowe.



Photo by Joseph W. Gex, II

SSC cross country team award winners (left to right) Keegan Leverett, Reed Fairley, Joshua Elkins, Brandon Elkins, Aiden Theobald and Kyle Capo.



-SATURDAY

- Soccer: OLA vs Perry Central (2 varsity games), 12 p.m./1:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock (boys/girls) at Laurel Tournament, TBA

-MONDAY

- Bowling: Hancock at Diamondhead Lanes, 4 p.m.
- Basketball: OLA at Purvis (varsity only), 6 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock at Gulfport (varsity girls/boys), 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

-TUESDAY

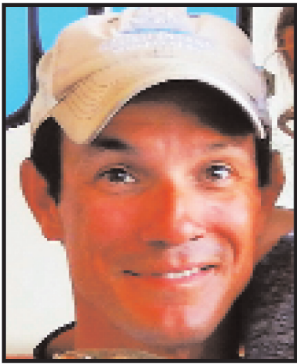
- Basketball: Bay High at Moss Point (varsity girls/boys), 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Hancock vs Biloxi (varsity girls/boys), 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: St. Stanislaus vs Vancleave, 6 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High Lady Tigers vs Pass Christian, 6 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High at Pass Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.

Black Fly Friday

Got to take some folks fly fishing on Black Friday. Coincidentally, the crew I had last year(2018), also was a fly fishing crew. Last years crew was very memorable. The weather was horrendous, but one of the anglers actually pulled out an inshore slam(trout, red, and flounder) on a fly rod!!!

This year(2019) was very different, but still very memorable. The weather was perfect. We had blue skies, low water, and a light breeze to keep the bugs off. It was a 4 boat trip, with the Allen Group. They have been Black Friday regulars for years. Some years I get to join the crew, and other years I'm with other holiday fisher folks. Assisting this years post turkey day fishing crew was none other than Captains Brian and Joey Garriga, along with Capt Keith Crawford.

John and Sue Allen from Houston TX were



SHORE THING FISHING REPORT

by CAPT. SONNY SCHINDLER

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gonna fly fish with me. The other 3 boats wanted a mess of fish to cook for a massive family gathering. They fished the nearshore reefs and did fantastic. My crew spent the day

down south in the LA Marsh. It was one of the better sight fishing trips I've had in months. We were picking off slot reds left and right. Mr John, got three big slots on the fly! Mrs Sue cranked in another 10 on the live bait and spinner baits.

All 4 boats met back at the cleaning dock later that afternoon. It was very fun to hear everyone's recap of their "favorite part" of each trip. For some it was seeing all the different birds, for others it was huge fish they caught, others enjoyed sipping a couple adult beverages. A little fun, a little fellowship, a lot of fish and plenty of family time. The entire family had their fish prepared at the Blind Tiger in downtown Bay St Louis, later that evening.

What a great Holiday experience on the MS Gulf Coast!!

As always, have fun and be safe



• HONORS

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Photo by Joseph W. Gex, II
SSC Cross Country captains Keegan Leverett, Kyle Capo and Joshua Elkins.



Photo by Joseph W. Gex, II
SSC junior high cross country team award winners Rylan Fairley, Cole Shirley, Mateen Kellum, and Aubrey Necaise.

Christmas on the Town Green in D'head



Photo submitted

The city of Diamondhead hosted Christmas on the Town Green on Thursday evening. Children and families posed for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and Frosty the Snowman and enjoyed rides on the HNH Express and entertainment by Kory Lawrence Productions and a performance by the Hancock Middle School Talons. The event also helped the Hancock County Food Pantry and the Diamondhead SPCA -- celebrants were asked to bring non-perishable food items or pet food.

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“SOUTH HANCOCK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DISCOVER **THE ART OF POTTERY MAKING** THROUGH BAY ST. LOUIS’ MAD POTTER”



Photo courtesy of Hancock County School District

Mr. Steve, the master potter, instructing South Hancock students, Abigail Smith and Paul Moore on proper technique at the pottery wheel.



Photo courtesy of Hancock County School District

Aden Connolly (left) and Caden Verdin (right) explore the old pottery making method of “pinch pots.”



Students practice their pottery skills.



Photos courtesy of Hancock County School District



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Steve Barney, the Mad Potter of Bay St. Louis.

SEA COAST ECHO

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Silver Slipper® hosts Employee of the Month luncheon



Photo courtesy of the Silver Slipper

Nominees with John Ferrucci, GM, from left to right are: Randy Wilbert, Table Games; Mallory Marquez, Human Resources; Mechelle Smith, Compliance; Deborah Almond, Hotel; John Island, Tables; Rita Lizana, Tables; Tammy Bourgeois, Security; Brady Cooley, Security.

SEA COAST ECHO

Silver Slipper Casino recognized its October 2019 Employee and Supervisor/Manager of the Month Nominees and announced the winners at a luncheon in their honor at the Blue Bayou Bar & Grill on November 21, 2019. Nominees are: Randy Wilbert, Table Games; Mallory Marquez, Human Resources; Mechelle Smith, Compliance; Deborah Almond, Hotel; John Island, Tables; Rita Lizana, Tables; Tammy Bourgeois, Security; Brady Cooley, Security.

Ms. Mallory is not only responsible for the Human Resources Information System for Silver Slipper, but for all of Full House Resorts. She is also instrumental in the recruiting and onboarding processing of new hires here at Silver Slipper. Her initiative, creativity, and artistic eye greatly contributes to our many events and beautiful boards here in the back of house. Recently she took the initiative to improve the documentation for the HR office so that all in the office can be successful. Everything about Ms. Mallory, but most especially her Ultipro knowledge make her an invaluable and key member of our team. Mallory consistently takes the time and initiative to ensure all our employees receive the best possible care. She is committed to her coworkers, the HR department, the Silver Slipper and Full House resorts, we are fortunate to have her.

Ms. Rita has been with the Silver Slipper for over



**October 2019
Supervisor/Manager of
the Month is Tammy
Bourgeois, Security.**

12 years. She is extremely dependable and often reworks her schedule to accommodate our busy times. She has only ever called out once, when she had a death in her immediate family. She always checks and verifies her paperwork, even from her days off and ensures all mistakes are found and corrected. She helps Table Games stay in compliance. She believes in teamwork and is very organized. She goes out of her way to help both guests and co-workers regardless of the issue. If there is ever a problem her manager knows she will always be there, and it is appreciated more than she will ever know.

Ms. Tammy has been with the company for over 12 years. She is incredibly dependable and comes to work happy and with a positive attitude every day while doing a wonderful job. One day in particular stands out because she wrote a whopping 8 security incident reports while also performing her daily duties. One of those 8 was for a guest that fell and was



**October 2019 Front of
House Employee of
the Month is Rita
Lizana, Tables.**



**October 2019 Back of
House Employee of
the Month is Mallory
Marquez, Human
Resources.**

transported to the hospital by ambulance. Later on, the guests husband called and complimented Tammy on her care and professionalism. She continues to demonstrate excellence in her job and provides the guests with a great experience, even if it is a difficult one. She is invaluable as an employee for the Silver Slipper.

Congratulations to the Silver Slipper October 2019 Employees of the Month and Supervisor/Manager of the Month!

Nominees and winners each received gifts and prizes including cash and gift certificates.

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KultureCity has partnered with INFINITY Science Center to make the museum and all of the programs and events that the arena hosts to be sensory inclusive.

This new initiative will promote an accommodating and positive experience for all guests and fans with a sensory issue that visits the center. The certification process entailed the staff at INFINITY being trained by leading medical professionals on how to recognize those guests and fans with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation.

Sensory bags, equipped with noise canceling headphones (provided by Puro Sound Labs), fidget tools, verbal cue cards (produced in conjunction with Boardmaker) and weighted lap pads will also be available to all guests at the museum who may feel overwhelmed by the environment. Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions.

One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over stimulation and noise, which is an enormous part of the environment in a venue like INFINITY. With its new certification, the museum is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in having the most comfortable and accommodating experience possible.

Prior to attending an event, families can download the free KultureCity App

where one can view what sensory features are available and where they can access them. Also, on the App is the Social Story which will provide a preview of what to expect at INFINITY Science Center.

"To know that you soon will be able to see families attend a basketball game, a true community binding experience, with their loved ones who have a sensory challenge and who were not able to previously attend, is truly a heartwarming moment. Our communities are what shapes our lives and to know that INFINITY Science Center is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone, no matter their ability, is included in their community is amazing." Dr. Julian Maha, Co-Founder, KultureCity.

KultureCity is a leading non-profit recognized nationwide for using their resources to revolutionize and effect change in the community for those with sensory needs; not just those with Autism. Since the program's inception, KultureCity has created over 350 sensory inclusive venues in 4 countries; this includes special events such as: NFL Pro-Bowl, NFL Super Bowl, MLB All Star Weekend. KultureCity has won many awards for its efforts: NASCAR Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award in 2017, Cleveland

Cavaliers' Quiet Space Sensory Room at Quicken Loans Arena was a finalist for the 2018 Stadium Business Award, and the 2018 Clio Sports Silver for social good in partnership with Cleveland

Make Sure to *Eat Your* Vegetables

BY LINDA BIGLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hello, my name is Linda and I am a procrastinator. The creating of this column usually starts on Saturday.

That is the day I tell myself that I need to get an early start, and have it completed before Thursday night. Fast forward to Monday; I still have no idea what the recipes will be, nor have I gone near my computer. Whatever happened to the weekend is a blur. I should be should not be concerned because I still have plenty of time. I can get to it on Tuesday night, there is no rush. On Tuesday and Wednesday, I played bridge and binged watched a series on Brit Box. It is now late Thursday night heading into the wee hours of Friday morning, and it is crunch time. If you have not noticed I have gone through the alphabet of foods starting with A and am now on the letter V. I had to skip U because the only thing I could think of

was either undercooked or uncooked food. My brain is a slight bit lifeless after a marathon of cooking for Thanksgiving. How long can you keep leftover turkey in the refrigerator before it will kill you when you eat it? Never mind, I no longer care.

Here are a few vegetable recipes which you may like to try. One or two might contain bacon, but I do not trust anyone who dislikes bacon.

The first is for creamed spinach. It is imperative to squeeze out as much moisture as you can from the spinach.

I use an impeccably clean kitchen towel for this process. I learned this tip from Julia Child. Well, I never really met her, but I religiously watched her shows.

CREAMED SPINACH

- 2 (10 ounce) packages of frozen spinach, thawed and liquid squeezed out
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 and one fourth cups half and half
- 1 teaspoon salt

One half teaspoon black pepper

One half teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, sauté bacon and onion until bacon is cooked and onion is translucent. Sprinkle the flour over the onion and bacon. Stir until a light roux is formed, about 2 to 3 minutes. Gradually stir in the half and half. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cook over low heat until thickened, about ten minutes; stir often. Stir in salt, pepper and nutmeg. Fold in spinach until blended, heat through. Serve at once.

Serves 6

When your child brings home a significant other who proudly claims to be a vegan, you can feed them this mess. Sorry, although I lived in Japan for over three years, I hated tofu except for the fried kind stuffed with pickled rice. Regretfully, I digress, back to the recipe.

MOCK EGG SALAD

- 1-pound firm tofu, cut into one half inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce

2 green onions, minced
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Place prepared tofu in a medium bowl. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over tofu cubes. Cover and chill at least one hour. Serve chilled on lettuce leaves.

Serves 4 to 6

Although there is no bacon in the next dish, there is butter. A vegetarian will eat it, but it will be shunned by a vegan. To solve this dilemma use olive oil in place of the delicious butter. Please purchase some whole nutmeg. It is so much better when it is freshly grated into a dish.

GLAZED PINEAPPLE CARROTS

- 1-pound carrots, cleaned and sliced about one half inch thick
- 4 tablespoons butter
- One half cup pineapple preserves
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- One half teaspoon salt
- One half teaspoon ground cinnamon
- One fourth teaspoon

freshly ground nutmeg

Cook carrot slices in lightly salted water until tender. Drain carrots and set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in the same saucepan in which the carrots were cooked. Cook and stir over medium low heat until preserves are melted. Fold in carrots, taste for seasoning. Serve at once.

Serves 4 to 6

The final recipe is for green beans. You can use fresh instead of frozen, but please not canned.

BAKED GREEN BEANS

- 2 pounds frozen whole green beans
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- One fourth cup chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
- 3 tablespoons butter
- two tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons creole seasoning
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup Panko
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook green beans according to package directions, drain and set

aside. Sauté onions, garlic and parsley in butter over medium heat for about 3 minutes. Add flour and creole seasoning, stirring until mixture begins to thicken.

Remove from heat and fold in sour cream and prepared green beans. Grease a 2-quart casserole and spoon in the green bean mixture. Toss the breadcrumbs in the 2 tablespoons of melted butter and sprinkle over the green beans. Bake for 25 minutes.

Serves 6 to 8

Until next time when the letter the week will be W. Does anyone have any good recipes for wombat?

Linda is a contributing writer for the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at lbigler67@gmail.com.



Dressing Up Pooch for Halloween

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 2-year-old pooch "Sookie" and I have been invited to three separate Halloween-themed play dates, plus we are walking in a doggy parade to raise funds for the local shelter. Naturally, costumes are expected at all these events. Problem is, Sookie cannot stand to wear anything heavier than a doggie jumper. What kind of costume would work for this type of dog? — Geraldine, via email

DEAR GERALDINE: Halloween-themed play dates with costumes are pretty much for the guests' entertainment — the dogs could care less. They just want to socialize with the other dogs. Wearing a costume that your dog is clearly uncomfortable in is no fun for Sookie.

Look for practical costuming ideas that Sookie won't notice. If she is OK with doggie sweaters, how about a sweater with a superhero emblem printed on it? What about a Halloween-themed bandanna, if she's comfortable wearing one? A decorated collar or leash also is fine. If you don't want to design the costume yourself, pet stores stock a range of ready-made costumes, or you can order one online. Or four, if you want her to wear a different outfit to each party.

You don't have to go all out, even if the Instagram photos of elaborately costumed pups tempt you to do so. Put Sookie's comfort and safety first.

If you really want her to walk into the parties wearing some creative headgear, try it out at home first. If Sookie can wear a tiara or devil horns for a few minutes without discomfort, you can take it off after showing her to the other guests. If she shakes the headgear off, whines or otherwise seems distressed, don't use it.

Send your tips, questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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The Community CALENDAR



DECEMBER 7

• St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church is hosting a Reindeer 5K Fun Run - 2-Mile Walk on Saturday December 7. Runners and walkers will take off from Washington Street on the Beach Walk at 8 a.m. and head south toward Aiken Street and return to the finish line at Washington Street.

Prizes will be awarded to first and second place finishers in the boys and girls under 18 division, and adult male and female 18 years of age and older categories in the 5K run. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded to children 15 years of age and younger. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate.

Registration for the 5K Fun Run - 2 Mile Walk costs \$20 per adult and \$12 per child under 18 years of age. If there is more than one child in a family, the cost is \$10 per child.

If you are not be interested in participating as a runner or walker and would like to support this church fundraiser, tee shirt sponsorships are available.

Applications are available in the church bulletin, the St. Rose de Lima office and by contacting Goldie Fairconnetue at 228-332-0526.

• The 2019 Annual Holiday of Homes in Bay Saint Louis to benefit Friends of the Animal Shelter will take place on Saturday December 7, 2019, from 1-4 p.m. The tour features six homes in Bay Saint Louis festively decorated for the Holidays. One of the homes will feature a Holiday Boutique with unique Christmas decorations and handmade gift items. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Lulu's, Clay Creations, Savage Skillet, and Lazy Magnolia. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$15 at any of the tour homes. Friends of the Animal

Shelter provides free spay/neutering vouchers for Hancock County residents, it provides resources for transport of animals at the Hancock County Animal Shelter to other locations for adoption, as well as serving other needs for the shelter.

• The 12th annual Bay St. Louis Christmas parade starts at Necaise and Main; travels to Beach Boulevard

and ends in the Depot District with the 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugarplums Festival. Parade begins at 11 a.m.

• The 8th annual Snowflakes and Sugarplums Festival is holiday fun for families with children of all ages. Hosted by Hancock County Tourism in the Depot District from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free to attend.

• The Pearlington Christmas parade starts at the old Charles B. Murphy Elementary School, rolls up White's Road to Seventh Avenue, down to Highway 90, down 604, and ends at the Pearlington Community Center. The parade begins at 1 p.m. and is free to attend.

• Join the family fun and come greet Santa Claus at the Waveland Christmas parade and annual tree lighting. The parade starts at Nicholson and Central Avenues, heads down to Beach Boulevard, and then west to Coleman Avenue ending with the tree lighting at the Town Green behind the Ground Zero Museum at 335 Coleman Ave. The event is free to attend and begins at 5 p.m.

• The Arts of Hancock County will host the Juried Art Show and reception. The reception is Dec. 7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from Dec. 10-14 at the Ground Zero Museum, located at 335 Coleman Ave., Waveland.

• The Pass Christian Theatre Project will present its second annual "Christmas Past in the Pass" show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Randolph Center, located at 315 Clark Ave., Pass Christian. Join the cast in Aunt Ida's living room for this heart-warming annual holiday party, where your friends and family gather to share their favorite tunes and stories. The performance will include readings of new and original holiday poems, favorite holiday songs along with delightful newer tunes, and readings of traditional holiday stories. The cast, all cherished members of the PCTP family, includes well-known performers from both ends of the coast, veteran performers recently arrived on the coast, and some extremely talented young performers. Refreshments will be served and wonderful raffle prizes from local

merchants available. There will be something for everyone to kick off your holiday season! ADMISSION: \$20.00 per person includes the show, finger foods, drinks, and five raffle tickets. Children under 12 will be charged at \$10 per child. Additional raffle tickets will be available for sale at six tickets for \$5 or twelve for \$10. Raffle prizes will include gift baskets from local merchants, lovely jewelry, and beautiful holiday décor for your home. For reservations, please call 228.206.0875 for reservations (recommended). Cash, credit cards or checks will be accepted for payment. Pass Christian Theatre Project is a member organization of Pass Christian Main Street.

• Christmas on Coleman in Waveland is scheduled for Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. The parade begins at 5 p.m. In addition to a Christmas parade, guests can enjoy taking pictures with Santa Claus, caroling, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn.

• Lakeshore Baptist Church invites everyone to their Annual Community Christmas Hymn Singing, Saturday December 7, at 5:30 pm. The evening of traditional Christmas hymns joins voices of all ages for this seasonal celebration. A refreshment reception, at the Mercy House, will follow the event. Lakeshore Baptist Church is located at 6028 Lakeshore Road, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520. For more information about the church, visit their website at lakeshorebaptist.net.

DECEMBER 8

• The annual Holiday Tree Gala is scheduled for Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library. Santa Claus, beautiful trees, and holiday music.

DECEMBER 10

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• The Pearlington Public Library will host A Gingerbread Christmas beginning at 6 p.m. The library is located at 6096 First Ave., Pearlington. Santa Claus and refreshments.

• WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at

the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5 p.m. and the Workshop begins at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

DECEMBER 12

• East Hancock Public Library will host A Natural Christmas beginning at 6 p.m. The library is located at 4545 Shepherd Square in Diamondhead. Santa Claus and refreshments.

DECEMBER 13

• The Mississippi Welcome Center, located at 1-10 and Highway 607 is hosting a Christmas Holiday reception from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy Christmas carols with local school children. Santa Claus will be there and local tourism partners will serve refreshments.

• Hancock County Federation of Democratic Women will hold their Annual Blue Holiday Party and Fundraiser on Friday, December 13, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Lakeshore Community Center, 6400 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis. There will be great food, raffles, and music provided by "The Electric Sheep". BYOB - set ups provided. Special guest: Rev. Robin Nicole Truitt. Advance tickets - \$20 (call Sandy Reese, 228-332-0099; Sandra Harris, 228-342-7516; or Goldie Fairconnetue, 228-332-0526). Tickets at the door - \$25.

• VFW Post 3253, 208 Third St. in Bay St. Louis, will host Steak Night on Friday, Dec. 13., from 5-8 p.m. Menu includes 16-ounce ribeye, baked potato and salad for a \$15 donation. Music by Bill Lee. Dessert available for \$1.

DECEMBER 14

• Please come out and join us for our annual National Wreaths Across America Event at St. Joseph- Rotten Bayou Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. This is a public event hosted by the Navy Wives Club of America Honeybees Chapter 257. On this day, we will place live wreaths on more than 230 veterans interred at this cemetery. We will have guest speakers, TAPS, 21 gun salute and a special guest who will perform during our ceremony. We are looking forward to another successful year and would like to thank the Navy Wives Club of America Honeybee's #257 for their hard work and dedication in making all of

this possible-- along with all the family, friends, clubs, organizations and businesses who donate or sponsor wreaths for our veterans here. We thank you all!

• St. Thomas Episcopal Diamondhead has been holding an outreach fundraiser called Gourmet To Go. Parishioners make casseroles, soups, meats, desserts, and other goodies, all available for sale to those in the community. People come from all over

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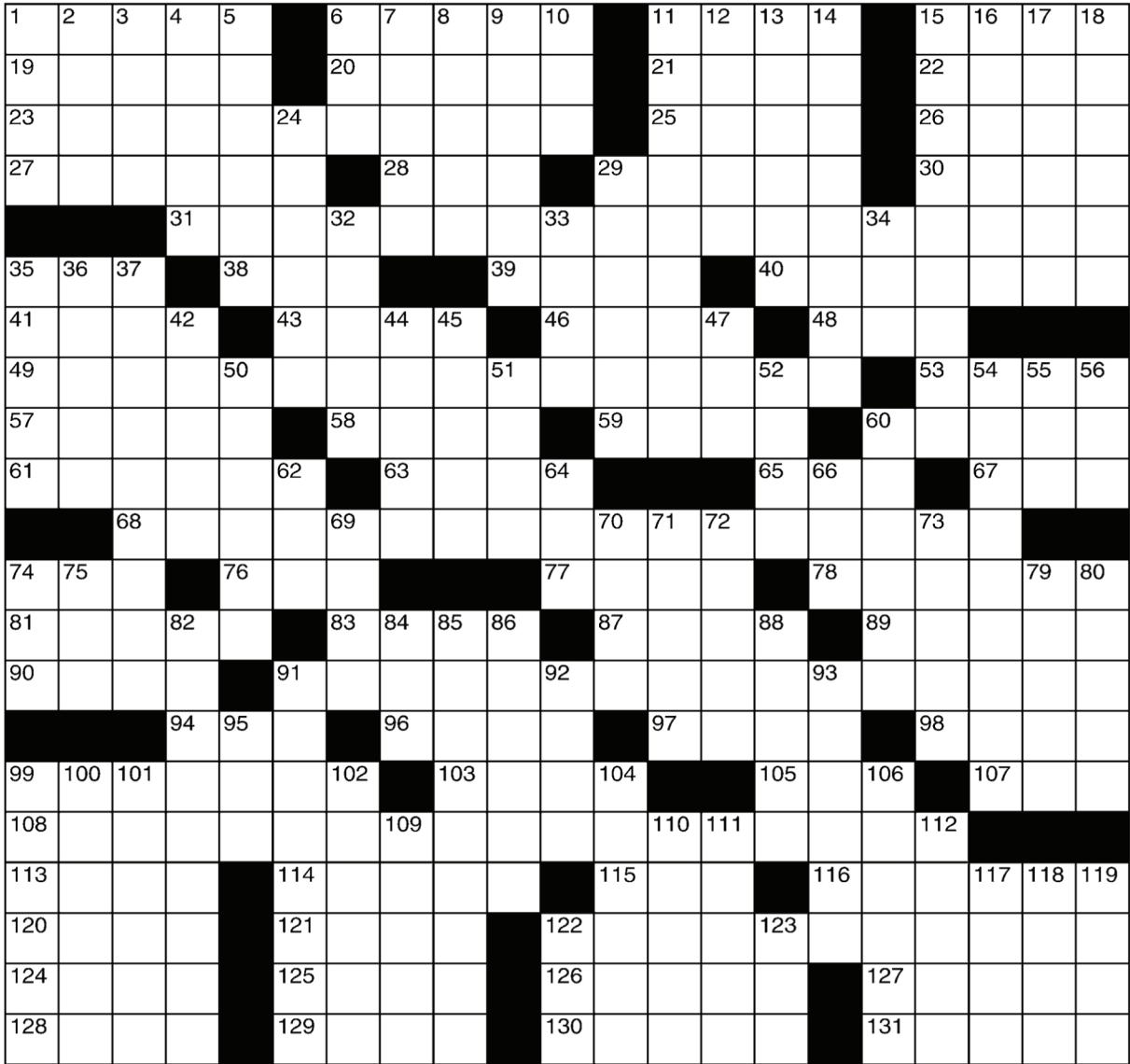
Unfortunately, his contact information is out of date, and we were unable to reach his previous adopter. He is comfortable and friendly with our staff & core volunteers, but he can be

skittish when meeting new folks. So, please keep in mind that Chip needs a calm approach and a little time to warm up when meeting new friends. We recommend that potential adopters spend quality time with Chip in our doggie play yard. We'll provide the treats! He walks very well on a leash and harness. He is gentle yet guarded, but in no way aggressive. He just needs patience, understanding, and love. Please bring your family dog(s) with you to meet Chip as well. He would be a great buddy for a single person or couple. He could also join a family with older, mature children, with who he could bond and build a relationship. (We feel that small, energetic kids may frighten him.) Please come by and meet Chip and get to know him. Once you do, you'll discover a dog who just wants trust and to reconnect with people again. This sweet, handsome boy deserves a "second chance family" who will love and cherish him forever. Call 228 466 4516 for more information, and come by the shelter, 7175 Texas Flat Rd, Kiln, to meet Chip in person. Also visit our Facebook page, Hancock County Animal Shelter, MS, to see more pictures of Chip and of the many other wonderful, adoptable furbabies looking for their forever homes.

Super Crossword

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1 Letters with twists
6 "For want of — the horse was lost"
11 "Fernando" quartet
15 Tax-deferred svgs. plans
19 Not express, as a train
20 Daring feat
21 Briny expanses
22 Roman historian
23 Start of a riddle
25 Back talk
26 Caustic compounds
27 "Silkwood" star Meryl
28 Hail, mostly
29 Papier- —
30 iPod option
31 Riddle, part 2
35 700, to
38 — -Julie, Que.
39 Morays and congers
40 Lays away
41 Momentous stretches
43 "Silence!"
46 Skinny
48 Six-pt. scores
- 49 Riddle, part 3
53 One of Isaac's twins
57 Prenatal exam, briefly
58 "I'm so hungry I could — horse!"
59 J.D. Salinger title girl
60 Old Russian overlords
61 Movie house, in Spanish
63 Moreno of movies
65 Moo — pork
67 Rural tract
68 Riddle, part 4
74 Jackie O's Onassis
76 Feel lousy
77 — Alto, California
78 Old — (Disney dog)
81 Ridge on a fingerprint
83 — mater
87 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
89 Go away
90 Individual
91 Riddle, part 5
94 Sothern of "Blind Date"
96 "Nuts!"
- 97 "Scat, cat!"
98 Email button
99 Flashy keyboard composition
103 Ruess of the band Fun
105 German city where Einstein was born
107 Real mess
108 End of the riddle
113 Prefix with presence
114 Shutter parts
115 — de plume
116 Privy to the plot
120 City in Texas
121 El — (city in Texas)
122 Riddle's answer
124 "Son of —!"
125 Kuwaiti, e.g.
126 — Lodge motels
127 Fashion's Oscar de la — wishes
129 Parcel (out)
130 Halt
131 Bar seat
- DOWN**
1 Students at Yale
2 Cushiony
3 Injury vestige
4 Loosens up
5 Rains down cold pellets
6 Stubborn quadruped
7 Unemotional
8 Intuitive feeling
9 Cyclops' facial feature
10 Sched. guess
11 Lee Harvey Oswald and others
12 Shore area
13 Big parties
14 Approve
15 Infirmities
16 Capital of Saudi Arabia
17 Broad road
18 B-board admins
24 Indifference
29 "Thoroughly Modern —"
32 Don't throw away, maybe
33 Study fixture
34 The old man
35 Trim, as meat
36 Perjury, e.g.
37 Pink flower
42 Actress Jaclyn
44 Initiate
45 "Begin the tune!"
47 "Get Shorty" studio
50 Parent of Maybelline
51 Roman orator
52 Musician John
54 Habitats for brine shrimp
55 Live
56 USSR's Cold War rival
60 Mississippi city
62 Far Eastern sash
64 Gig gear
66 "Over here!"
69 Kingly name in Norway
70 Oven for drying hops
71 Weak spots
72 Shul text
73 Butter alternatives
74 Piercing tool
75 Pi-sigma link
79 Occurrence
80 "Angie Baby" singer Helen
82 Knee jerks, e.g.
84 British "Inc."
85 Destined
86 Orderly groupings
88 Nary — (no one)
91 Serving to block junk email
92 Obsessed by
93 Sheltie relative
95 Hanoi's home, briefly
99 Having give-and-take
100 Measure of resistance
101 Mexican resort on the Yucatán
102 Blindingly bright
104 One of JFK's sisters
106 Coal diggers
109 Tears into
110 Chocolate quaff
111 Church cries
112 Flat rental sign
117 Taboo deed
118 "... as — say ..."
119 Popular cookware brand
122 "Parks and —" (NBC series, for short)
123 "The Raven" poet



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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals P

LUQ TZQTIZ, AZPHLFMW QYZV

LEZ PZCL XZLEQA LQ CEOL

H AQQV, UZVZ WFYFMW LEZFV

KIQCFMW HVWOXZMLC.

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Two people, debating over the best method to shut a door, were giving their closing arguments.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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PO TVOOZ EBZT?

IBWF B CBB-CBB-DVF.

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Answer

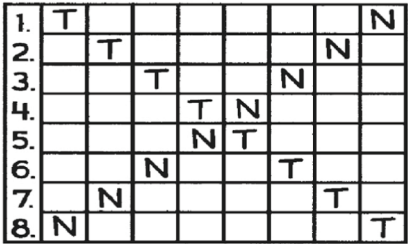
What do sheep do on sunny days?

Have a baa-baa-cue.



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the answer.

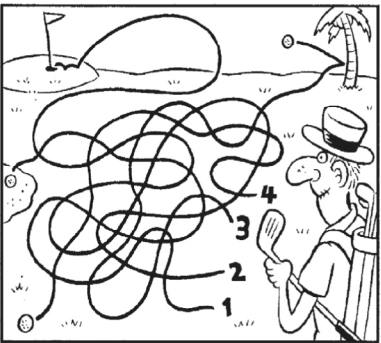
DEFINITION:

1. A cooking measurer.
2. Foul water.
3. A vine around a post.
4. Owners of a business.
5. Sailors working songs.
6. What you do at the beach.
7. How they protect young chickens.
8. One who writes.

ANAGRAM:

- soon + tape
ants + tang
need + twin
spar + tern
aces + hint
hunt + base
nice + tuba
tins + love

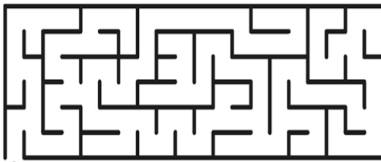
Answers: 1. Teaspoon, 2. Stagnant, 3. Entwined, 4. Partners, 5. Chanties, 6. Sunbathe, 7. Incubate, 8. Novelist.



CAN YOU GUESS what iron — a 1, 2, 3 or 4 — Jack MacDivot should use to get a hole in one?

Answer: His trusty 2-iron will do the trick!

Kids' Maze

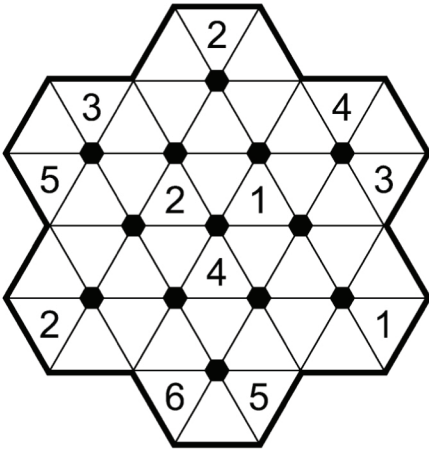


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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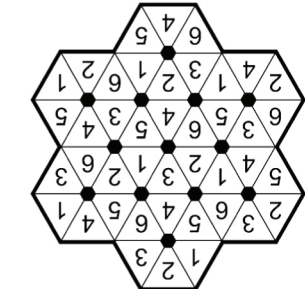
Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Small stream | — — — — K | Janitor's tool | — — — — M |
| 2. Young hound | — U — — — | Red flower | — O — — — |
| 3. Tutorial | — — — — O — | Decrease | — — — — E — |
| 4. Team member | — L — — — — | Grace, e.g. | — R — — — — |
| 5. Spicy powder | — U — — — | Tote | — A — — — |
| 6. Scant | — — — — G — | More malicious | — — — — N — |
| 7. Yuletide visitor | — — — — A — | ___ Fe | — — — — E |
| 8. Quantity of cookies | — A — — — | Bungle a task | — O — — — |
| 9. Sweepstakes | R — — — — | Pancake with pockets | W — — — — |
| 10. Delivery bird | — — — — K | Stockpile | — — — — E |

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Even Exchange

1. Brook, Broom
2. Puppy, Poppy
3. Lesson, Lessen
4. Player, Prayer
5. Curry, Carry
6. Meager, Meander
7. Santa, Sante
8. Batch, Batch
9. Raffle, Waffle
10. Stork, Store

DEVOTIONAL PAGE

LETTING *YOUR* LIGHT SHINE -BY GARY ANDREWS

-BY GARY ANDREWS

As we travel through this world on a daily basis there are many of us that want to tell or show everyone that we come in contact with that we are a Christian and that there is one true and Holy God.

For some reason or another we are timid in our actions and come to the point where we are almost scared of sharing the good news. As I have mentioned many times before, actions speak louder than words and what you do and how you speak will enlighten people that you are a good person with a kind heart full of love.

When people see this in us it usually opens a door for witnessing and sharing the good news of Christ, however we find ourselves not wanting to do this because we have an uncertainty of speaking with authority about the saving grace of Jesus.

Yes, we know about the saving grace Jesus offers us but on occasions we do not understand or feel that we are capable of sharing our feelings or showing someone in the Bible verses that confirm what we want to say. You might say we have the light but are not sure what to say about it. Sometimes we even try to keep it hidden.

Many years ago when I was serving with the U.S. Air Force in Thailand, I lived with several other men in eight-man rooms. We called these a hooch or hut and they were open bay. Very little privacy but it fit the need of what we doing for the military.

One late night as I was sitting at the front desk writing a letter home I had laid my small lamp on my bed and covered it with a towel to keep the light from bothering anyone else trying to sleep. After a while the hot light burned a hole in the towel and created a burning smell that awakened most everyone in the hooch.

I was deliberately trying to hide my light so everyone around me could continue to sleep however I failed to remember that this light, after it gets pretty hot, will burn a hole in the protective blanket and get everyone's attention.

As Christian people we are the same way. We are good people and want to do and say the right thing however we try to hide our Christianity because of our uncertainties and not wanting to awaken the sleeping people around us. As I during that night in Thailand, was afraid of waking people up because of my selfish desire to work late

and write a letter home, many of us use the same excuse of saying something to someone that will take offense to what we have to say. Remember what we are told in Matthew 5:14, "'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.'" Just as the light I had on my bed couldn't be hidden because it had so much heat that it burned a hole in the towel, so is our love for Christ. We are to be witnesses for Him and whatever we do or say should never be hidden or take a back seat to anyone, anywhere. If you truly have Christ within you, He will guide your words and thoughts and allow you to be the witness you desire to be.

Prayer: Father God I pray that you will always lead me in my thoughts and speech and that I will never deny you or be afraid to speak up in your name in front of anyone any place or any time. Amen.

Gary Andrews is the author of Encouraging Words: 30 days in God's Word. If you would like to have a copy send \$15.00 check or money order to Gary Andrews at 504 Enchanted Drive, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BILLIE L. BAHNER, DECEASED
WILLIAM H. BAHNER, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-cv-00506-CB
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Billie L. Bahner, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by William H. Bahner, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Billie L. Bahner, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Billie L. Bahner.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on the 17th day of December, 2019, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 26th day of November, 2019.

(SEAL)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE HEIRSHIP
OF DENNIS LEON BOSARGE, JR.
DUDLEY BOSARGE; DENNIS BOSARGE;
AND TINA BROWN
CO-PETITIONER/ADMINISTRATIX
CAUSE NO.: 19-CV-694 (JS)
SUMMONS

(Service by Publication: Resident Unknown)

TO: Unknown Heirs-At-Law, whose whereabouts and address is unknown.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Co-Petitioners, DUDLEY BOSARGE, DENNIS BOSARGE, and TINA BROWN.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition to Establish Heirship on a date certain set by Fiat, at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of March 2020, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Chancery Court, First Judicial District, Gulfport, Mississippi, located at: 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a Judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 26th day of November, 2019.

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk of
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Cassie Tribble, D.C.
George Blair Law Firm, P.L.L.C.
532 Main St.
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-220-3351
11/30; 12/07; 12/14/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TABITHA ANN COLLINS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-cv-660-JS
SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF TABITHA ANN COLLINS, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition filed in this Court seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of TABITHA ANN COLLINS, deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are: Rene Collins, Justin Collins and Tobias Collins, who are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m. on January 14, 2020, in the Chancery Courtroom at the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you so desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this 20th day of November, 2019.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar Chancery Clerk
By: Cassie Tribble Deputy Clerk
152 Main Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-5406

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
YOUTH COURT DIVISION
HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY
MARCUS D. DAVENPORT, AND LIAM
BRASI JOHNSON AND HAYZLEIGH KAY
JOHNSON, MINORS, BY AND THROUGH
THEIR NEXT FRIEND, MARCUS D. DAVENPORT
PETITIONERS
VS.
HEATHER KRISTINE LAFANCE AND MARCUS
LESTER JOHNSON RESPONDENTS
CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. CC19-0028T
COUNTY COURT SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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your wish list and your camera to get a photo with the big man himself. This will be a fun day of science activities around Santa's favorite holiday. To add to the fun, Mississippi's Magic Man Dorian LaChance will be bringing magic to the event. There will be two shows - 10:30am and 1:30pm. The magic show will include comedy, audience participation and of course amazing magical fun just right for the holiday season. The event will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. INFINITY Science Center is located at 1 Discovery Circle, Pearlington. The cost is \$12.50 to \$16.

- The 2019 International Christmas Festival and Pastry sale is scheduled for Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 255 Beauvoir Rd., Biloxi. Greek food and pastries, eastern European food and pastries, live entertainment and dancing, fun family activities, marketplace gifts, and church tours. Free admission.

• **Bourgeois Stieffell Ray**
American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 77 will
sponsor their annual
Children's Christmas Craft
Fair on Saturday,
December 14, 2019 from
11:00 am until 2:00 pm at
the American Legion Post
77 located at 503
Waveland Ave. The
Christmas Craft Fair is
open to boys and girls
ages 4-12. Admission is
\$6.00 per child and
includes lunch, snacks and
craft supplies. Parents,
here is your opportunity to
go Christmas shopping,
visit a friend, etc., while
your children enjoy lunch,
crafts, storytelling and a
visit from Santa. Children
will be served lunch and
cookies & punch at snack
time. All children will be
supervised by the
American Legion Ladies
Auxiliary of Unit 77. For
more information or to
pre-register contact Diane
Fountain at 467-2198.

- Santa Claus will visit the Bay St. Louis Community Garden from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Dec. 14, to take photos with children, seniors, families, singles

and pets. Everyone is welcome. For a suggested donation of \$10, you can take photos with Santa using your own devices up to five minutes per session. All of the money raised will go to support the garden, which is located at the intersection of St. Frances and Bookter streets in the Bay.

DECEMBER 15

• Cowboy Christmas Parade is scheduled for Sunday Dec 15 at noon. Cowboy's Horse & Wagon Parade with Santa on the lead wagon will leave Bobinger Rd at noon and end at the Kiln VFW. Come meet Santa, get a goody bag and have your picture take with him. Refreshments will be provided. All riders will ride at own risk. For more information please contact: Brian Ladner @ 228-342-2444 or 228-342-0484

DECEMBER 17

- The Waveland Public Library, located at 345 Coleman Ave., will host A Nutcracker Christmas at 6 p.m. Santa Claus and refreshments.

DECEMBER 19

• The Kiln Public Library, located at 17065 Hwy. 603, will host A Down Home Christmas at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck and refreshments will be served.

DECEMBER 21

- Santa will arrive by boat the Bay St. Louis Harbor during Santa, Boats, and a Bonfire. There will be photos with Santa, music, and a bonfire. It begins at 4 p.m.

DECEMBER 22

- There will be a Hanukkah Menorah Lighting and Latke brunch at the 100 Men Hall, located at 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis. Jazz brunch featuring Panorama Jazz Band. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

DECEMBER 27

- The NAACP will host a Kwanzaa celebration which will also feature a Kinara lighting and more at the 100 Men Hall,

located at 303 Union St.,
Bay St. Louis. The event
begins at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 31

- Ring in the New Year with music, fireworks, and a special themed drop. Located on Beach Boulevard across from 200 N. Beach restaurant in Bay St. Louis.

JANUARY 27

• Join us for Homeschool Monday: Engineering as we explore concepts and engage in hands on activities! Activities are geared for homeschoolers ages 12 and under, but of course everyone is welcome! Homeschool Monday activities will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Special Lab: Rube-Goldberg (Ages 11 and up) Learn about simple machines, conservation of energy, and chain reactions. We will use simple machines to build a Rube-Goldberg device to perform a simple task using a very complicated process. The cost for this class is \$3 per student and must be paid online in advance. Admission fee of \$9 per person is to be paid at upon arrival. This class is for ages 11 and up and is open to 20 participants. The class will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. on January 27 as a part of Engineering Home School Monday. If you have any questions please contact dtorres@visitinfinity.com. Present your registration receipt to the admissions counter for \$9 Homeschool Monday admission. All payments are due upon arrival. By attending this event you consent to INFINITY Science Center's photography policy.

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Hancock Middle School Students Earn 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards in The Patriot's Pen Essay Competition

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Three Hancock Middle School students were recently recognized for their writing achievement in the VFW Post 2880 Patriot's Pen Scholarship Program. The theme for this year's essay competition was "What Makes America Great". First place winner, Christian Biehl, received \$300 and his essay will be forwarded to the district competition. Christian is a 7th grader and is the son of Joshua and Tara Biehl of Diamondhead. Second place winner, Sara Carver, received \$200. Sara is an 7th grader and is the daughter of Dara and

Weylin Carver. Third place winner, Emma Atwell, received \$100. Emma is the daughter of Maegan and Ryan Strief. The Veterans of Foreign Wars post (Diamondhead Post 2880) sponsors The Patriot's Pen essay competition. The Patriot's Pen essay competition is open to all students in grades 6-8. Parents along with their children are invited to the VFW Post 2880 Christmas party in the Emerald Ballroom at the Diamondhead Country Club on Thursday December 5 starting at 6:00 PM. The three winning students will be presented with their awards during the program. Each student is expected to read their essay as part of the ceremony.



Photo courtesy of Hancock County School District
Christian Biehl, 1st place winner in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, is presented with a check for \$300, balloons, and a framed copy of his essay. Pictured left to right: Stacy Campbell, HMS 7TH grade teacher; Annie Jones, HMS Lead Teacher; Dr. Rick Saucier, HCSD Assistant Superintendent; Chistian Biehl, 1st place essay winner, Mr. Alan Dedeaux, HCSD Superintendent of Education; Tara and Joshua Biehl, parents of Christian, Dr. Jessica Taylor, HMS Principal; and Steven Covington, HMS Assistant Principal.



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Sara Carver, 2nd place winner in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, is presented with a check for \$200, balloons, and a framed copy of her essay. Pictured from left to right: Annie Jones, HMS Lead Teacher; Dr. Rick Saucier, HCSD Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Alan Dedeaux, HCSD Superintendent of Education; Sara Carver, 2nd place essay winner; Dr. Jessica Taylor, HMS Principal; Dara Carver, mother of Sara; Steven Covington, HMS Assistant Principal; and Stacy Campbell, HMS 7th grade teacher.



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Emma Atwell, 3rd place winner in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, is presented with a check for \$100, balloons, and a framed copy of her essay. Pictured left to right: Dr. Rick Saucier, HCSD Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Jessica Taylor, HMS Principal; Mr. Alan Dedeaux, HCSD Superintendent; Emma Atwell, 3rd place essay winner; Rebecca Moran, grandmother of Emma, Steven Covington, HMS Assistant Principal, and Annie Jones, HMS Lead Teacher. Not pictured, Patches Oliver, HMS 6th grade teacher.

Disability Connection introduces “Celebrate our Waterways,” the third film documentary in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Heritage Tours Trilogy

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Disability Connection introduces “Celebrate our Waterways,” the third film documentary in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Heritage Tours trilogy. Disability Connection designed the Gulf Coast Heritage Tours Project for those who want to enjoy the rich history and cultural diversity of the Gulf Coast. Its purpose is to preserve and promote the heritage areas and the cultural diversity of South Mississippi with emphasis on waterways, nature, history, art, food, churches, festivals, industries, and the people. Tours is designed to connect people with their roots and celebrate the diversity of their cultures, inclusive of people with disabilities.

The Gulf Coast Heritage Tour Information Center is on-line at www.DisabilityConnection.org. The Center hosts three 25-minute documentaries plus a collection of 41 Heritage Moments that showcase heritage locations, cultural diversity, and waterways that are part of our coast's heritage. It also includes information on over 150 places to visit and enjoy. The Center hosts promotional materials, maps, and downloadable brochures to assist visitors in planning and setting priorities for their tours, including accessibility accommodations

for those who have physical challenges.

The first film documentary, “Gulf Coast Heritage Tours,” explores over 150 heritage locations to visit: historic places, art galleries, and museums.

The second film documentary, “Gulf Coast Heritage Culture Tours,” tells the stories of local people: their cultural and ethnic heritages, their industries, churches, traditions, foods, festivals, and events that are still present to enjoy today. It features the story of the people who settled on the Gulf Coast: Native American, French, Irish, Spanish, Danish, Croatian, Greek, Italian, African-American, Indian, Jewish, Vietnamese, German, Lebanese, and Finnish.

The third Gulf Coast Heritage Tours documentary, “Celebrate our Waterways,” encourages people to enjoy the beautiful blueways in the southern six Mississippi counties: the rivers, bays, and the Gulf. The project identifies a wide variety of scenic and outdoor recreational activities that can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities.

The project was developed in partnership with Walt Grayson, featured state-wide host of Mississippi Roads and Look around Mississippi. Tours was made possible by a Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area Grant from the Mississippi Department

of Marine Resources and the National Park Service.

The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high-quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

The Gulf Coast Heritage Tours Project is universally designed to be inclusive for all individuals through promoting barrier-free accommodations for those with disabilities. The Project provides vital information for 20% of the population who want to travel but need information to accommodate a disability: seniors, children with disabilities, people who are blind, deaf, or have mobility impairments. Universally designed trips take into consideration all of the accommodations needed to enable travelers with functional challenges to enjoy the trip.

Spend time searching the website to discover a sampling of the history and places you can explore and enjoy, and, also the culture that resides in the heart and soul of the people in the six southern counties of Mississippi.

To receive tourism brochures for the Gulf Coast Heritage Tours, contact Disability Connection: email office@disabilityconnection.org or call 228.604.4020.

205th Anniversary ‘Battle of the Bay’ Re-enactment

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On Second Saturday, December 14, 2019, all Hancock County residents and weekend visitors are encouraged to follow along on a walking history tour of the 205th Anniversary of the events that led up to the famous “Battle of the Bay” and the establishment of Bay St. Louis as a city.

At 1:55 pm Reveille and a cannon firing of one shot over the gulf will begin the ceremony at Bienville Square (Hancock-Whitney Bank at Beach Blvd. & Main Street).

Guest speakers from Hancock County Historical Society, founding members of Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, and city officials encourage you to come dressed in period or pirate attire and join the celebration as they take you on a journey of the rich history of how the French-Canadian Jean-Baptiste de a Sieu Bienville established the first French colony at Bay St. Louis in 1699.

Period dressed characters will speak about the history of how Bienville founded Bay St. Louis, the British influence of Bay St. Louis as it became part of British West Florida, and the effects of the American Revolution on Bay St. Louis as well as the signing of the Treaty of Paris, ending the French and Indian War

(Seven Years War).

As the history of Bay St. Louis unfolds, follow along with the characters portraying these famous explorers, soldiers, and the governor as they arrive at Krewe Central (Beach Blvd & Court Street-in front of Cuz's Seafood Restaurant).

The distinguished keynote speaker Rear Admiral John A. Okon, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy will be present at the celebration to read the actual account of the “Battle of the Bay”.

Hear the famous words expressed by Ms. Claiborne, “will no one fire a shot in defense of our country”, invoking a response from the town's Mayor to fire the cannon sending a cannon ball near the British warships as they passed by, deterring them from landing here and beginning the “Battle of the Bay”.

Following the Cannon Volley Re-enactment, the characters depicting Captain Johnson and his sailors from the schooner, USS Seahorse, of the “Battle of the Bay” will be introduced. Concluding remarks will be made in time for Second Saturday Art Walk and Christmas festivities in the Bay.

Christmas on Coleman is TODAY in Waveland

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The city of Waveland is gearing up to host "Christmas on Coleman," on Saturday, Dec. 7.

In addition to a Christmas parade, guests can enjoy taking pictures with Santa Claus, caroling, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn, Tusa said.

The carolers scheduled

to sing include those from Hancock Middle School, Hancock High School, and St. Rose Traditional Choir.

There will be a Christmas workshop where children will have the opportunity to make their own crafts to take home, Tusa said.

Members of the Hancock Junior Auxiliary will be on hand to help children write letters to Santa and do "glisten," Tusa said. There will also be someone on site face-

painting.

The museum and art gallery will also be open.

The city is also seeking participants for the parade which will usher in Santa Claus and end with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Town Green.

A parade entry form can be found on our website at www.seacoastecho.com.

Christmas on Coleman is scheduled for Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The parade begins at 5 p.m.

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Cavaliers/Quicken Loans Arena. Recently,

KultureCity was awarded one of the World's Most Innovative Companies for 2019 by FastCompany.

"The INFINITY Science Center, a non-profit museum, has served teachers, students and families in Mississippi, Louisiana and beyond since 2012, each day to

fulfilling our mission of reaching the next generation of scientists, explorers and the insatiably curious," said John Wilson, former executive director. "Since day one, INFINITY has set its sights on inspiring, amazing, and engaging every guest that comes through our door. We are a destination for aha moments and seek to make science fun, fascinating and accessible to everyone." Located in southern Mississippi off Interstate 10 and just minutes from NASA's Stennis Space Center, INFINITY

Science Center is a non-profit science museum offering a blend of space, Earth science, engineering and technology content. It also serves as host to the NASA Stennis Visitor Center. INFINITY is "Where Fun Meets Fascinating" and the visitor experience encompasses the mix of exhibit space and hands-on experiential programming that seeks to inspire guests and spark imaginations. For more information, visit www.VisitInfinity.com or call (228) 533-9025.